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- 1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DE SELYS TOLD US AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 10 THAT BELGIANS HAD NOT DISCUSSED THEIR NEW INITIATIVE WITH ISRAELIS. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD ASK POLITICAL DIRECTOR DAVIGNON IF AND WHEN TO MAKE APPROACH TO ISRAELIS AND WOULD ADVISE US.
- 2. AS TO QUESTION OF POSSIBLE ISRAELI OPPOISITION TO NEW BELGIAN INITIATIVE, HE EMPHASIZED THAT ISRAELI OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED U.S. DRAFT BASED ON CONCERN THAT FAVORABLE EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION WOULD BE PREMATURELY PRESENTED TO U.S. CONGRESS AS "VICTORY" WHICH COULD LEAD TO UNTIMELY LIFTING OF CONGRESSIONAL BAN ON UNESCO FUNDING BEFORE ISREAL QUESTION PRESENTED TO PLENARY 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE (REFTEL B). HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ISRAELIS COULD HAVE NO BASIS FOR OBJECTION TO NEW BELGIAN INITIATIVE.
- 3. DURING MEETING, DE SELYS TOOK CALL FROM BELGIAN UNESCO REP CONFIDENTIAL

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VAN USSEL, WHO REPORTED THAT BELGIUM HAD "BRIEFLY DISCUSSED"

NEW INITIATIVE WITH EC-9 UNESCO REPRESENTATIVES IN PARIS, WHO TOOK NOTE OF PROPOSAL AND WOULD BE STUDYING IT AND AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. EC-9 UNESCO REPRESENTATIVES WOULD MEET AGAIN ON PROPOSAL SEPTEMBER 15 OR 16. DE SELYS SAID THAT BELGIUM WOULD NOT SEEK SUPPORT OF OTHER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS UNTIL EC-9 REPRESENTATIVES HAD COME TO CONSENSUS ON PROPOSAL. RENNER

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